

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: JANUARY 15, 2008

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2007-77 – Implements Section 4.040 of the City Charter relative to the appointment of certain hearing commissioners. Sponsored by: Councilman Steve Wolfson

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

During the 2007 Session, the Nevada Legislature amended the City Charter to allow the City to appoint hearing commissioners to hear certain kinds of matters. This bill will implement the new provision by establishing the framework for the recruitment and appointment of one or more commissioners, who will be assigned to hear traffic matters. Items regarding the appointment of any commissioner and the approval of the related funding will come back to the Council for separate approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2007-77
2. Business Impact Statement

Motion made by STEVE WOLFSON to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED explained that at the last session of the Legislature, the City requested several amendments to the City Charter, one being the appointment of hearing commissioners by the City Council to hear traffic-related matters. This bill establishes the recruitment framework but does not address funding or who will be selected.

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In response to COUNCILMAN WOLFSON'S query, JAMES CARMANY, Administrator of the Municipal Court, explained that three items will be presented at the City Council, two of which will address funding. A recent analysis indicates that the additional revenue generated from fines and fees will offset the costs and add to the General Fund considerably. Based on the current caseload, one commissioner would be sufficient. However, should that caseload increase significantly, consideration would be given to adding more commissioners.

